

# Casa Grande Church of Christ

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**Opportunities to worship, study & serve:**

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY ..... 10 AM

WORSHIP ..... 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP ..... 6 PM

WEDNESDAY ..... 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS..... 10 AM

Monday Night with the Turners  
each Monday at 6 PM

Ladies' Devo 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
each month at 11 AM

Congregational Potluck 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
each month after morning worship



**Welcome to all!**  
**We are glad you are here!**



**Enter to Worship...**  
**Leave to Serve**

*From the preacher's pen...* As I write this article there are so many good things being planned here at Casa Grande.

Our youth devotionals begin next week. They bring opportunities for our young people to be encouraged, to have fellowship and to share the Good News with their friends.

This summer our Gospel meeting will celebrate 25 years in this building and 75 years of the church in this community. Our Vacation Bible School will provide yet another opportunity to bring in young and old from our community to hear the Gospel. And later in the year we will have another Gospel meeting.

An important question to consider *now* is: How will we view these opportunities *next* year? Why? Because we have two options. We can look back with regret and think of those we *might* have invited, those we *might* have reached with God's word. Or we can look back with pride at those who learned of salvation and were added to the Lord's church in 2010.

So, which one is it to be for us? Regrets of what might have been? Or accomplishment and service to our Savior? Consider for a moment the lesson of:

## If Only...

Have you ever uttered those words? Notice how they are always tied to regret, to hindsight? Not long before we left New Zealand I stopped at a red traffic light. After all, that's what you are supposed to do when it turns red. Just as I stopped I observed a large truck coming from the opposite direction. He had plenty of time and distance to stop, providing he was traveling the speed limit — but that's another story. Instead he chose to run the light and in doing so almost hit a car and a pedestrian. But the story doesn't end there. In the lane beside me a car traveling in my direction seemed to feel that he could also run the light. Did he see the truck get away with it and think that kept traffic out of the intersection for him to cross? I don't know what his thinking was, but the result was what you'd expect, a crash.

That little episode contains a number of "if onlys," some good, but mostly bad. If only the truck had not tried to run the light, maybe the driver of the car would not have tried to do the same. If only the pedestrian had stepped out or a vehicle on the cross street had started across, maybe the truck would have seen them and stopped. Then again, maybe the tragedy would have only been greater! And, of course the obvious one, if only the driver of the car had not run the light.

So what's the spiritual application? Oh, oh! Now we're getting serious. Yes, we all have regrets, things in the past that we'd change if only... But if there is anything at all to be learned, to be gained by such painful lessons it's this: the time to prevent future regrets, future "if onlys" is now. And nowhere is that more important than in our relationship with Christ and His church.

God promised His blessings on Israel "if only you listen obediently to the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all this commandment which I am commanding you today" (Deuteronomy 15:5). When they failed Him, His blessings failed them. Furthermore, God regrets having blessed us when we sin even as He did Saul (read 1 Samuel 15:11).

When we fail God and bring His condemnation upon ourselves then He reminds us "If only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your well-being would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea" (Isaiah 48:18).

Right now, today, this very minute we have a new beginning, a new hope, a new chance. An opportunity to recommit ourselves to renewed faithful service to Him who died for us, to the one who wants to deliver us into eternal life.

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**W**elcome to our visitors today! We hope & pray you will be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon! **Last Weeks Visitors included:** Max & Vicky Satterwhite of Panhandle, TX; Bob & Marlene Blakenship of Richland, WA; Kurt & Korey Mueller of Casa Grande.

**O**ur Prayer List: Please keep the following in your prayers this week as you “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17): Hunter Shirley, Matthew Odom, Vance Garrett, Beulah Bailey, Forrest Wilkerson, those who are traveling, and...

**Nora McNeil:** still having eye problems & further surgery.

**Brandon Helton:** Nora’s grandson is having further tests.

**Donna Wolfe:** Nora’s daughter is having tests.

**Elsie Brian:** Everett Martin’s sister, recovering from surgery

**Joyce Tenney:** Lee’s daughter-in-law has cancer.

**Marie Doughty:** still struggling with pain.

**Carole Lineberry:** Julie Evans’ aunt now with her son in Seattle. Will move to daughter’s home in Idaho when insurance allows.

**Ross Turner:** & Rene and the family as he recuperates.

**Janie West:** Flora Doster’s sister (sister-in-law to Cleo Wise & Ralph West) is improving.

**June Henderson:** is regaining her strength following her surgery. She is thankful for all the prayers!

**Marie Bishop:** Ross Turner’s cousin with health problems.

**Lanae Pfiffner:** health problems (Ross & Rene’s granddaughter).

**Brian & Elizabeth Wohlers:** trying to start their family.

**Blaine Coxon:** grandson of Lois Nowlin.

**Wallace & Gladys Myers:** continue to have health problems.

**Jane O’Brian Karolack:** has cancer.

**Jackie Hewes:** is recuperating in a nursing home.

**Miles Fortier:** Patty Pinney’s nephew in Germany waiting to be shipped out.

**Bobbye Huffman:** Greg’s mother, ongoing health problems..

**John Shores:** of Coolidge, continuing radiation treatments, moved to Washington to live with his son.

**Jeremiah Haller:** Flora Doster’s grandson in Afghanistan.

**Steve Baldrige:** friend of the Hall’s has cancer.

**Carolyn Christenson:** friend of Kimberlee Myers with leukemia.

**The Glen Gray family:** friends of the Bagleys at the loss of their great-granddaughter and serious injuries to her mother.

**Celia Montijo:** Terry Lara’s mother with throat cancer.

**Michalyn Reid:** as she continues to deal with her health.

**Galen Hult:** best friend of Ed Baum with colon cancer.

**Emmett Johnson:** friend of the Baums with stomach cancer.

**Billie Lewis:** improving but continues to need our prayers.

**Katherine:** Anna Hardin’s granddaughter losing her sight.

**Bob Chambers:** Jeannie Martin’s dad with heart problems.

**Carol Fisher:** sister to Cleo Wise, is improving.

**Bill Frank:** awaiting further tests in February.

**Christine Hickerson:** friend of the Hagner’s with cancer

**Melanie:** Heather Ries’ sister in need of prayers for strength.

**Lois Roth:** friend of the Halls with cancer.

**Gabe:** son of the Brush’s nephew recovering from heart surgery

**Lisa Roles:** wife of a friend of Billie Odom with cancer.

**Ron Endicotte:** friend of Bill Hall having surgery.

**Ken Price:** friend of the Hall’s, complications after transplants.

**Krystal Dandrow:** Brett Myers’ girlfriend’s sister, possible skin cancer.

### **Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti**

**Nathan & Brandi Bagley:** Nathan in Afghanistan & Brandi awaiting deployment in June.

**Tom Yencarelli:** Ed Baum’s friend, crushed leg after an accident.

**Lois Hillrey:** friend of Max Compton with multiple illnesses.

**Devin Elsner:** Dawn Sullivan’s 12 year old granddaughter.

**Clancy Supple:** spent some time in the hospital this past week.

**Cheryl Campbell:** undergoing radiation treatments for cancer..

**Anna Mae Hardin:** shoulder dislocation from a fall.

**Tim Heun:** friend of the Huffman’s, successful kidney transplant.

**Skip Bailey:** Ryan & Jasmine Bailey’s grandfather with cancer.

**Bo Dillard:** Chastity Shirley’s uncle with multiple sclerosis.

**Phyllis Grover:** Jackie Winfrey’s mother having tests.

**Ethel White:** Delbert’s mother, having minor ear surgery.

**Daniel Taylor:** Jerry & Billie Odom’s grandson doing well as he recovers from surgery.

**“Joey”:** pray that his wife & children keep safe. They’ve had a kidnapper in their neighborhood & there is much concern for their safety. Pray that they are able to join Joey here soon.

**Howard & Judy Hagner’s daughter:** house burned last week.

## **Upcoming Events...**

**Singing!** Our monthly singing is at Coolidge TODAY.

**Monday Night at the Turners** Dinner & Bible Study at 6 pm.

**Youth Devo:** Next Sunday, February 7 @ 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Ages 0 through young adults come & bring your families!

**Men’s Business Meeting** February 7 after evening worship

**Ladies Devo:** February 13 at 11 am.

**Third Sunday Potluck** February 21.

**Prayer & Song Meeting:** March 31 & every 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday month of the year.

**June:** Gospel Meeting & celebration of 25 years in this location.

**This Summer:** VBS & **This Autumn:** Gospel Meeting

Let's be practical. We can begin right now to commit ourselves to one hundred percent participation in the services, the studies, the work of this congregation, the Lord's work here. We may be (actually we should be!) sorry that we have not done as much for Him lately as we could have done. But being sorry is not enough. We must commit ourselves, renew our zeal and efforts and begin to do the things that lead to life and growth of ourselves and of this congregation. Note what Paul says, "the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Let's begin right now to banish an eternal "if only..." by making the decision, the commitment to be here each and every opportunity that the Lord gives us to fellowship and worship Him. Let's begin right now by making the decision, the commitment to be here tonight, Wednesday evening, and next Lord's Day morning for Bible study and worship to encourage, to learn, to prepare ourselves to fight the good fight. See you then!

- Lester P. Bagley



• **Next Sunday morning we begin a new study in the adult class. Brother Pat Curo will be teaching and everyone is invited to come and be a part!**

• **This Wednesday evening we also begin a new study in the auditorium class with Lester teaching.**

**Now is a great time to make a point of being a part of our Bible Studies!**

# FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED...

- **CANNED MEAT  
(BEEF, TUNA, CHICKEN, SPAM, ETC.)**
- **TOMATO SAUCE**
- **RICE**
- **SPAGHETTI SAUCE**
- **SPAGHETTI**
- **CRACKERS**

## Special Contribution for Haiti Earthquake Assistance

Over the next few weeks we are collecting a special contribution from the Casa Grande congregation for the aid of the church in Haiti.

There are marked envelopes on the table in the foyer. Cash or checks (made out to this congregation) can be put in them and placed in the collection plate or hand to Vance Garrett.

That money will then be sent via a sister congregation to the saints in Haiti.

## Last Week's 5 Pew-Packers:



Be "in the picture" every week!

## ✓ Checkup ✓ How are we doing?

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class = 58

Sunday Morning Worship = 125

Sunday Evening Worship = 61

Wednesday Evening = 47

### Giving

2009 Weekly Budget = \$2,600.00

Contribution Last Week = \$2,791.51

Special Contribution for Haiti = \$220

# Privileged to Serve

## Sunday Morning January 31

Adult Bible Class: • *The church OF Christ* ..... Lester Bagley  
 Announcements: ..... Jerry Odom  
 Song Leader:..... Pat Curo  
 Prayer:.....Greg Huffman  
 Serve Communion:....Ryan Bailey, Roger Brush, Bill Hall,  
 Everett Martin, Max Compton  
 Sermon: • *To Whom Do YOU Listen?* ..... Lester Bagley  
 Closing Prayer: ..... Guy Wohler

*Count Contribution: Mike Evans & Mike Shirley*

## Sunday Evening January 31

Song Leader:.....Michael Farrow  
 Prayer:.....Jim Holder  
 Sermon: • *Minor Prophets: Malachi* ..... Lester Bagley  
 Serve Communion:..... Everett Martin  
 Closing Prayer: ..... Ralph West

## Wednesday Evening February 3

Song Leader:..... Jim Holder  
 Prayer:.....Delbert White  
 Devo: ..... Curt Odom  
 Closing Prayer: .....Pat Curo



## Anniversaries



February 23 *Sam & Sherri Fields*

February 23: *Bill & Phyllis Hall*

March 3: *Vance & Wynona Garrett*

March 5: *Everett & Jeanne Martin*

April 1: *Ross & Rene Turner*



## Birthdays



February 4: *Ed Baum*

February 5: *Marla Henderson, Greg Huffman*

February 5: *Brianna Lara*

February 6: *Richard Reid*

February 9: *Jennifer Pascucci*

February 10: *Dana Curo*

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